

Churchill and Langford Minibus Society

Registered Charity number 269811

Annual Report

For the year ended 30th September 2025

Trustees

Trevor Smallwood, Chair, Bramble Cottage, Dinghurst Road, Churchill, BS25 5PJ
Peter Green
Roger Humm
David Johnson
Ian Mason
Mark Taylor

Objectives and activities

The Society provides a community minibus service for the residents of Churchill and Langford, in North Somerset, and the surrounding villages. During the year, in addition to running its minibus operations for social, shopping and local community trips, the Society has continued to support the local hospital car service for the residents of our villages, applied for grants and donations and administered grants in particular to support the Older Peoples Support Service.

The Society operates under a constitution adopted at the 6th December 2022 AGM. The Aim and Object of the Society is:

'the relief of the aged, disabled and socially isolated by the provision of community transport to residents in the villages of Churchill & Langford, Winscombe & Sandford, Banwell, Shipham and Burrington and for such other charitable purposes as may be agreed by the Management Committee'

Achievements during the year

The year ended 30th September 2025 has seen the Society continuing to run regular two-minibus scheduled services operation, providing shopping, social trips and outings plus transport to local events. The Society has also provided services to local groups, charities and societies with unscheduled journeys.

In the year to 30th September 2025 a total of 457 journeys were made, a small increase over the previous year, carrying 3,176 passengers and covering 14,041 miles.

The Older Peoples Support Services project benefited from further grants and donations enabling its work to continue with the aims of bringing friendship, support and increased wellbeing to previously socially isolated and perhaps physically isolated people.

During the year the trustees took delivery of a new, replacement minibus. Grants and donations totalling in excess of £53,000 have been received across two financial years, with the balance of about £19,000 being met from the Society's reserves.

The backing of our local Parish Councils continues to be much appreciated, and the ongoing invaluable support of our volunteer drivers, trip organisers and all our passengers enables these services to be continued. None of this would be possible without them.

Financial Review

The Society's total receipts for the year amounted to £67,463, including grants & donations of £51,956 (2024: £56,606, incl. grants of £41,138).

Direct receipts from minibus operations amounted to £13,486 (2024: £13,485). After payments for running costs of £10,896 (2024: £10,693) the overall direct surplus on minibus operations for the year was £2,590 (2024: £2,792). This outcome is supported each year by grants and donations, together with gift aid received and interest on reserves – an analysis of these receipts is provided in the accounts.

The new minibus project has received grants, donations and interest in the year of £38,244 (2024: £15,355). The final purchase price of the new minibus was £72,484, leaving net payments from reserves in the year of £3,751 (2024: £15,134).

During the year the Society received income totalling £9,563 (2024: £21,115) to further extend its Older Peoples Support Service project. Project costs of £15,788 have been spent in the year (2024: £20,881) with reserves of £3,434 (2024: £9,659) remaining to be spent on this project in the following year(s).

A full summary of receipts and payments is given in the accounts for the year, which have been subject to independent review.

Reserves

As of 30th September 2025, the Society is carrying forward reserves amounting to a total of £60,665 (2024: £61,902).

Of this amount £3,434 (2024: £9,659) relates to the Older Peoples Support Service project which are considered to be designated funds and is expected to be fully spent during the following year.

Reserves representing unrestricted funds relating to general minibuss operations totalled £57,231 as of 30th September 2025 (2024: £36,688). These funds are expected to be used for future minibuss replacements in the coming years.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees consider that they have had due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit as set out in section 17 (5) of the 2011 Charities Act.

Roger Humm, Treasurer and Trustee

November 2025

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Receipts & Payments accounts
1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025

1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025		Year-ended 30th Sept 2025	Year-ended 30th Sept 2024
Minibus Operations			
<i>Payments</i>			
Maintenance		3,452.58	3,916.13
Fuel		3,626.08	4,211.34
Insurance		3,214.54	2,123.98
Sundry costs incurred	625.22		642.30
Less Grants & receipts towards costs	- 22.00	- 201.00	
Net Sundry Costs		603.22	441.30
Replacement minibus			
Payments made	41,994.50		30,489.50
Grants & Donations received	- 38,103.66	- 14,363.99	
Gift Aid on donations	-	- 937.50	
Interest received on donations	- 140.06	- 53.73	
Net payments for new minibus		3,750.78	15,134.28
Total payments for minibus operations		£ 14,647.20	£ 25,827.03
<i>Receipts</i>			
Receipts - Scheduled Journeys		7,953.75	5,762.11
Receipts - Additional Journeys		4,031.00	6,549.00
Fuel Rebate (BSOG)		1,501.36	1,173.65
Total receipts for journeys etc		£ 13,486.11	£ 13,484.76
Deficit of payments over receipts for Minibus operations		-£ 1,161.09	-£ 12,342.27
Surplus excluding new minibus monies		£ 2,589.69	£ 2,792.01
Grants & Other Income			
Grants & Donations - minibus		4,308.95	4,679.71
CCLA interest received		1,680.97	1,522.15
Gift Aid on minibus donations		119.76	157.75
Bank interest received		39.56	91.03
Older Peoples Support Service grants received	9,500.00		19,000.00
Gift Aid on project donations	-		2,000.00
Interest on grant deposit	62.54		114.62
Income from grant operations	9,562.54		21,114.62
Grant costs	15,787.81		20,881.47
Net income from grant operations	-	6,225.27	233.15
Miscellaneous income		-	-
Total net other (payments) / receipts		-£ 76.03	£ 6,683.79
Deficit of payments over receipts - Minibus & Grant operations		-£ 1,237.12	-£ 5,658.48
Surplus excluding grant operations & new minibus monies		£ 8,738.93	£ 9,242.65
Food Bank operations			
Donations - Food Bank		-	-
Gift aid on Food Bank donations		-	-
Interest on Food Bank deposit		-	0.15
		£ -	£ 0.15
Food bank expenses		-	13.99
Deficit of receipts over payments - Food Bank operations		£ -	-£ 13.84
Cash & Bank Balances held at year end			
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>			
Current Account		673.84	1,264.11
Cash on hand		998.21	377.41
Minibus Deposit account		8,982.42	150.55
CCLA Deposit Account		46,577.04	34,896.07
<i>Restricted and/or Designated funds:</i>			
New Bus Deposit Account		0.00	15,555.22
Grant Deposit Account		3,433.61	9,658.88
		£ 60,665.12	£ 61,902.24
Total receipts			
Gross receipts: Journeys & BSOG		13,486.11	13,484.76
Gross receipts: New bus		38,243.72	15,355.22
Gross receipts: Grants & Donations		15,711.78	27,565.26
Gross receipts: Food Bank		-	0.15
Miscellaneous grants towards sundry costs		22.00	201.00
Total gross receipts for year		£ 67,463.61	£ 56,606.39

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Independently Reviewed by: Ian Beadle, 5th November 2025.

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